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YMCA Day Camp FIELD GUIDE 2023

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Welcome to Camp!

Meeting new friends, learning new skills, and enjoying fun-filled days in a caring, supervised environment is what YMCA Day Camps is all about! We are committed to giving your child the support, care and fun that they deserve.

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YMCA Core Values

The YMCA is committed to helping children grow by teaching and reinforcing BELONGING, CARING, HONESTY, RESPECT and RESPONSIBILITY.

Building Blocks of Success

The YMCA believes that every child is worth investing in. It's not only an investment in their future but an investment in our community. Assets are 40 key building blocks that help youth grow up healthy, positive, confident and competent. The more assets youth have, the more likely they will succeed. For more information, visit ymcahbb.ca or the Search Institute at search-institute.org.

“ My child has loved attending your camp and always comes home with a smile. It has meant the world to us. You have helped us grow and the opportunity to try new things and made them feel included and supported. I can't thank you all enough. It's been amazing!

Parent



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Note to Families

Dear Families...

We are thrilled to welcome you to YMCA Day Camp this summer!

If you are a returning camper, we look forward to having you join us again. To all our first-time campers, welcome to our YMCA camp family!

We have so many fun activities planned for your campers this summer! We are excited to offer a wide variety of different camp options from traditional outdoor experiences like swimming, canoeing and archery to different sports, arts and crafts and other creative activities at Kidventure and Sports Camp!

Our camp team is looking forward to another summer filled with all the things kids love most - running, playing, swimming, laughing, making new friends, crafts, and so much more.

See you at camp!

AJ Phillips,
Manager, YMCA Day Camps



YMCA Staff Team

Our counsellors are university, college and high school students who are trained to ensure your child's experience is one that will be cherished and remembered for many years. In addition to refining their leadership and program skills, these individuals also concentrate on developing and preparing the summer day camp programs. Many counsellors and support staff have been with us for several years. These individuals make a wonderful camping experience possible by providing a safe and welcoming environment in which your child will learn, play and have fun. All counsellors are First Aid and CPR certified and have been trained on YMCA Healthy Child Development. We welcome staff and volunteers of all communities including, but not limited to, women, visible minorities, Aboriginal people, persons with disabilities, and persons of any sexual orientation or gender identity.

Variety of Camp Choices

From traditional outdoor nature camps at Camp Chippewa to urban camps focusing on sportsmanship and fun, the YMCA has the right Day Camp experience for children ages 6 to 15. Please see page 4 & 5 for a listing of all camp programs, locations, and age requirements. Each program offered will incorporate a variety of active, quiet, and traditional camp activities daily. Parents registering their child for multiple weeks are encouraged to alternate the camp programs.



Selecting the Right Camp – Outdoor Camp

A variety of fun programs and locations are available for children and youth aged 6 to 15. Selecting the camp that interests your camper is essential for ensuring an enjoyable stay at YMCA Day Camps. Use the chart below or call the Day Camp Office to determine which program is right for your camper. When signing up for several weeks, parents are encouraged to choose a variety of program options.

In order to ensure developmentally appropriate activities and programming, children must meet the age requirement before the camp session begins.

Please note: Locations are subject to change based on availability.

OUTDOOR	CAMP NAME	LOCATION	AGES	WEEKS AVAILABLE	FEES	
					WEEKS 2-5, 7-8	WEEKS 1, 6
	Chippewa	Christie Lake Conservation Area 	6-13*	1-8	\$217	\$174
	Eco-Explorers		8-13*	1-8	\$241	\$192
	Canoe Skills		8-13*	1-8	\$256	\$205
	Kayak Skills		10-13	1-8	\$270	\$216
	LIT 1		14 in 2023	1-2 and 3-4 **	\$270	
	LIT 2 (Prerequisite)		14 in 2023	5-6, 7-8**	\$270	
	Helping Hands-Inclusion Program Support	Christie Lake Conservation Area	6-13	Max 2 weeks/summer	\$413	\$330



Swimming at this location

*Campers will be grouped by age

**LIT campers must attend full two week session

Week 1	July 4-7*
Week 2	July 10-14

Week 3	July 17-21
Week 4	July 24-28

Week 5	July 31 - August 4
Week 6	August 8-11*









Week 7	August 14-18
Week 8	August 21-25

* Indicates 4 day week due to holidays. .

Selecting the Right Camp – Urban Camp

In order to ensure developmentally appropriate activities and programming, children must meet the age requirement before the camp session begins.

Please note: Locations are subject to change based on availability.

	CAMP NAME	LOCATION	AGES	WEEKS AVAILABLE	FEES	
					WEEKS 2-5, 7-8	WEEKS 1, 6
URBAN	Kidventure	Tansley 	6-13	1-8	\$239	\$191
		Queen Victoria School 	6-13	1-7	\$224	\$179
		Laurier Brantford YMCA* 	6-13	1-8	\$200	\$160
	Sports	Tansley 	6-13	1-8	\$239	\$191
		Queen Victoria School 	6-13	1-7	\$224	\$179
		Laurier Brantford YMCA* 	6-13	1-8	\$200	\$160
	LIT 3 (Prerequisite)	Tansley 	Completed LIT 1&2	1-4 and 5-8	FREE	
		Queen Victoria School 	Completed LIT 1&2	1-4		
	Helping Hands - Inclusion Program Support	Available at all urban locations.	6-13	Max 2 weeks/summer	\$413	\$330

 Swimming at this location

*Participants at the Laurier Brantford YMCA will be bused to Brant Park Conservation Area 2 days/week for swim and outdoor recreational play

Week 1	July 4-7*
Week 2	July 10-14

Week 3	July 17-21
Week 4	July 24-28

Week 5	July 31 - August 4
Week 6	August 8-11*

Week 7	August 14-18
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* Indicates 4 day week due to holidays.

OUTDOOR - Camp Chippewa (Christie Lake Conservation Area)

Chippewa Activities

Throughout the week, campers will have the opportunity to challenge themselves and develop skills in these camp activities:

Swimming: Safe and fun water games will be provided for all who attend camp. Everyone will be tested to determine swimming capabilities before doing any water-based activities. Campers swim once per day (weather and water permitting), and must pass a swim test to enter the deeper area.

Field Games/Initiatives: These activities blend traditional and wacky games using a team approach.

Hiking: Throughout the week, children will have opportunities to explore hiking trails, stocked ponds, and boardwalks at Christie Lake Conservation Area with their group.

Arts and Crafts: Campers will have the opportunity to work individually and in groups, using many different mediums to explore their creative and artistic side. Be prepared for wonderful creations from your child, presented to you with a beaming smile.

Archery: Campers will learn the proper use of a bow and arrow. Each participant will be assisted by staff and taught the parts, proper use of the equipment, and the safety procedures. Campers must adhere to all safety regulations in order to participate in this program.

Canoeing: During the week, campers will have the opportunity to go canoeing (weather permitting) and learn the basics of paddling and canoe safety. While canoeing, all participants must wear a life jacket and adhere to all safety regulations.

Please note: Campers will participate in the following activities: arts and crafts, archery and canoeing twice a week (weather permitting).

Camp Chippewa

Ages: 6-13*

Staff to Camper Ratio: 1:10

Located in the majestic surroundings of Christie Lake Conservation Area, Camp Chippewa includes spacious playing fields, a beautiful wooded area for supervised explorations, and a safe waterfront setting. Campers will have the opportunity to experience a combination of traditional outdoor day camp activities such as arts and crafts, waterfront swimming, archery, canoeing, and wilderness/environmental science pursuits.

* Campers are grouped according to age.

“ My child had the best time! He gained so much confidence from all of the new experiences. He can't wait to go back to Camp Chippewa next summer! ”

Parent



What Does a typical day at Camp Chippewa look like?

9:00-9:30	Bus arrival/games with bus groups
9:30-10:00	Flagpole (camp gathering)
10:00-10:45	Hiking
10:45-11:00	Snack/Sunscreen Application
11:00-12:00	Low Organized Games or Outdoor Field Game or Team Building Initiatives (ex. Drumming, Capture the Flag, etc)
12:00-12:45	Lunch/LOGS (low organized games)
12:45-1:00	Transition to Swimming
1:00-2:00	Swimming
2:00-2:15	Transition from Swimming
2:15-2:30	Snack/Sunscreen Application
2:30-3:30	Canoeing/ Arts and Crafts/ or Archery
3:30-4:00	Flagpole/Bus Lines/ Departure

*Note: Christie Lake Conservation Area is an outdoor camp with covered pavilions available. During inclement weather, children will participate in low-activity games under the pavilions. Please send warmer clothes for these days. Use of Christie Lake Conservation Area's beachfront is dependent on clear water tests from the Ministry of Health. **Refunds will not be given for inclement weather or waterfront closure.***

Specialty Programs at Camp Chippewa



Specialty programs provide children with a skill-based alternative to the general Camp Chippewa program. Specialty programs blend traditional camp activities with a focus on experiential learning and progressive skill development.

Canoe Skills

Ages: 8-13*

Staff to Camper Ratio: 1:10

For new and experienced paddlers! Instructors have developed fun activities that emphasize safety and the fundamentals of canoeing. Backpaddling, draw stroke, J stroke, your camper will learn it all! Campers will also participate in traditional camp activities like swimming, arts and crafts and archery. Children must wear a life jacket while in the canoe. Campers will receive a skill assessment at the end of the week.

** Campers are grouped according to age.*

Eco-Explorers Camp

Ages: 8-13*

Staff to Camper Ratio: 1:10

Campers will learn about their environment and the world around them through exciting activities and wilderness games. Activities will focus on nature education, science, leave no trace principles, and a variety of different wilderness survival techniques. Themed activities will include air, water, animal tracks, eco-systems and more! Eco-Explorers campers will enjoy a full camp program including archery, arts and crafts and canoeing!

** Campers are grouped according to age.*



Kayak Skills

Ages: 10-13

Staff to Camper Ratio: 1:10

For new and experienced paddlers! Campers will learn how to grip their paddle for an efficient stroke, how to control the kayak and more! No prior kayaking experience necessary! Campers will also participate in traditional camp activities like swimming, arts and crafts and archery. Children must wear a life jacket while in the kayak. Campers will receive a skill assessment at the end of the week.

Bussing provided (see pages 14 and 15 for locations & times)

Those wishing to drop their children off at Christie Lake Conservation Area can do so at 9:00 am and pick up at 4:00 pm at the YMCA camp office.

URBAN - Camps

Urban Camp Locations Include:

(subject to change based on availability)

- **Laurier Brantford YMCA**
(100 Water Street, Brantford)
- **Queen Victoria School**
(166 Forest Ave, Hamilton)
- **Tansley Woods Community Centre**
(1996 Itabashi Way, Burlington)



KidVenture Camp

Ages: 6-13*

Staff to Camper Ratio: 1:10 (children age 6)

Staff to Camper Ratio: 1:12 (children age 7-13)

KidVenture Camp provides campers with the opportunity to explore their creativity in a safe and fun environment. Activities include: arts and crafts, drama & dance, swimming, co-operative games, and outdoor play. Each week, campers will have a special guest speaker.

- **Laurier Brantford YMCA**
- **Queen Victoria School (7 weeks)** (May include walks to local park and swimming off-site)
- **Tansley Woods Community Centre**

** Campers are grouped according to age.*

Sports Camp

Ages: 6-13*

Staff to Camper Ratio: 1:10 (children age 6)

Staff to Camper Ratio: 1:12 (children age 7-13)

Sports Camp focuses on sportsmanship, participation and fair play, fitness and team spirit. Children have the opportunity to learn basic fundamental movement skills through fun and interactive activities. Activities include swimming, arts and crafts, soccer, basketball, volleyball, football and team games.

- **Laurier Brantford YMCA**
- **Queen Victoria School (7 weeks)** (May include walks to local park and swimming off-site)
- **Tansley Woods Community Centre**

** Campers are grouped according to age.*

What does a typical day at KidVenture Camp look like?

9:00-9:30	Flagpole (songs, skits, rules/routine reminders and introduction to the day)
9:30-10:15	Drama Games
10:15-10:45	Snack
10:45-11:30	Art Activities
11:30-12:00	Lunch
12:00-12:45	Gym Games
12:45-1:30	Outdoor Play
1:30-2:00	Transition to Swimming
2:00-3:00	Swimming
3:00-3:30	Transition back to Camp/Snack
3:30-4:00	Small Group Activities

What does a typical day at Sports Camp look like?

9:00-9:30	Flagpole (songs, skits, rules/routine reminders and introduction to the day)
9:30-10:15	Skills and Drills e.g. Basketball
10:15-10:45	Outdoor Sports Game e.g. Touch Football
10:45-11:00	Snack
11:00-11:30	Craft
11:30-12:15	Outdoor Field game e.g. Crab soccer
12:15-12:45	Lunch
12:45-1:15	Pool Transition
1:15-2:15	Swimming
2:15-2:45	Transition back to Camp/Snack
2:45-3:30	Camp-wide game
3:30-4:00	Flagpole

Helping Hands- Inclusion Program Support

Helping Hands

Helping Hands offers 1:1 support for children with physical and/or developmental disabilities so they can enjoy a summer camp experience alongside their peers.

All children deserve the opportunity to make new friends, try new things and enjoy the exciting opportunities that are part of a summer experience.

As a camper attending one of our Day Camp programs, your child can receive 1:1 support from trained YMCA Helping Hands staff. This support enables your child to be included in all aspects of regular camp programming. The YMCA Helping Hands staff are trained to attend to the unique needs of children with physical or developmental disabilities including personal care and safety – while facilitating friendships, skill development, independence and fun!

How to Register

To express interest and to add yourself to the Helping Hands Interest List for camp, please register for “Helping Hands Intake” online when camp registration opens.

The interest list can be found at ymcahbb.campbrainregistration.com and opens March 20th at 8:00am.

This does not guarantee you a spot in the program but puts you on the Interest List. Limited spots are available in each city/week, so please fill out the Interest form early.

Program Support is available for all Day Camp programs offered by the YMCA of Hamilton|Burlington|Brantford. Children must meet the age criteria for the selected camp but after that, the choice is up to you and your child.

- You can register your child for a maximum of two weeks. (Registration is limited to give summer Day Camp opportunities to more children. Additional weeks may become available throughout the summer.)

For more information about the Helping Hands program, please contact:

Camp Chippewa, Tansley Woods and Queen Victoria locations:

Christina Wood - General Manager of Inclusion Services for Children
p. 905.317.4907 | e: christina.wood@ymcahbb.ca

Laurier Brantford YMCA location:

Shaniah Stevens - Aquatics and Camps Manager
519-512-4891 ext. 3128 | e: shaniah.stevens@ymcahbb.ca



Dear YMCA Families...

We're busy getting ready for another great summer in YMCA Day Camps and we look forward to welcoming our camp families back again.

We have some important updates to share with families ahead of our registration opening.

2023 Programs for Ages 4 - 5

In order to serve more families with children ages 4 – 5 years, we have replaced our traditional YMCA Day Camp program (formerly Stepping Stones) with licensed Child Care for this age group.

This is good news for families. As part of the Canada-Wide Early Learning & Child Care (CWELCC) System, the program will be more affordable for families and increases accessibility for those who may require additional child care subsidies or services. In addition, we will be able to offer this program at more locations throughout Hamilton, Burlington and Brantford.

Programs will operate as six one-week sessions from July 4th until August 11th and will operate between the hours of 8:00am - 5:00pm.

In order to make it even more convenient for families whose older children may be attending Camp Chippewa, bus stops will be placed at select Child Care locations.

2023 Registration Opening Day for ages 4 - 5 years

- Monday, March 6th at 8:00am - Advanced registration opens for current YMCA child care families and YMCA employees
- Friday, March 17th at 8:00am – Summer Child Care Registration opens for all other 4-5 year olds

Registration for Summer Programs for 4-5 years will take place in your online MY Y ACCOUNT.

2023 Registration Opening Day for ages 6+

Registration for all other YMCA Day Camp programs for children ages 6+ will open on Monday, March 20th at 8:00am.

Complete information about 2023 YMCA Day Camps and summer programs, including dates and rates, will be posted at [YMCAHBB.CA](https://ymcahbb.ca) on Tuesday, February 14th.

We can't wait to welcome you back to camp!

Sincerely,

Shawna MacLellan
General Manager, YMCA Child Care & Day Camp

AJ Phillips
Manager, YMCA Day Camps



Leadership Development Program

Leader in Training Level 1

The Leader In Training program (Level 1) is an engaging program designed for participants to acquire camp-related skills (canoeing, archery and large group leadership) while learning how to work as part of a team. Participants will learn about the YMCA and its core values as well as:

- Planning and delivering a new group game
- Observing campers in various age groups
- Debriefing about observation experiences through journaling and reflection
- Goal setting
- Discovering personality styles
- Communication styles
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Program planning and facilitation
- Youth gambling prevention
- Prerequisite: turning 14 years old in 2023

Leader in Training Level 2

The Leader In Training program (Level 2) enhances the learnings of Level 1. While canoeing, swimming and playing games, participants will also learn the following skills through fun, creative sessions and hands-on experience:

- Team building, communication, trust, and support
- Conflict resolution
- Behaviour management techniques and inclusive practices
- Placement within specialized camper groups & program areas
- Journaling and reflection
- Facilitation of skill-building activities
- Prerequisite: turning 14 years old in 2023; Completion of LIT Level 1

Leader in Training Level 3

The Leader in Training (Level 3) (LIT) will have the opportunity to improve their skills by volunteering at an urban camp and preparing themselves to be a Junior Counsellor in the following year. During this program, the LIT will have an opportunity to complete a 4 week placement at one of the day camp's urban locations (see page 8 for all locations). The LITs will be responsible for observing and shadowing a camp counsellor at an urban camp program and during the last week, they will be responsible for delivering a large group game, a low organized game (LOG) and an arts and crafts activity.

- Weeks 1-4/5-8

Please note: not all urban locations operate 8 weeks and may only offer a placement weeks 2-5.

- Prerequisite: LIT 1 & 2
- Participants are responsible for their own transportation to the urban location
- Register by completing the online registration. Link located on page 17
- This volunteer position will be documented and verified for school requirements. A verification letter will be sent to participants in the fall
- If interested in having a LIT 3 placement with children who have special needs please call 905-317-4907
- LIT Level 3 is FREE

LIT Campers will be guided through these sessions by our trained staff. A certificate outlining the LIT camper's achievement will be awarded to each participant.

Bussing is provided. Please see page 14/15 for locations. Staff to camper ratio is 1:15.

All participants will receive a verification letter of volunteer hours in the fall.

Camp Chippewa LIT Level 1:

Weeks 1-2 Weeks 3-4 **must attend full two week session*

Camp Chippewa LIT Level 2:

Weeks 5-6 Weeks 7-8 **must attend full two week session*

Urban Camp LIT Level 3:

Weeks 1-4 Weeks 5-8 **some locations may only offer Weeks 1-4*

Junior Counsellor Positions – Once LIT participants complete Level 3 and reach the minimum age of 16, they can apply to be a YMCA Day Camp Junior Counsellor (JC). JCs are responsible for attending pre-camp training, co-facilitating a group of campers with a staff member, and developing their own leadership style. Applicants who have completed the LIT levels and have demonstrated the competencies and skills for becoming a JC will receive first consideration. To apply, please visit our website at ymcahbb.campbrainstaff.com. This position is unpaid, however, JC's will be reimbursed with a bi-monthly honorarium.



Extended Camp Care Options

Extended Camp Care (ages 6-12)

Extended camp care is offered before and after camp at an additional fee. This safe, fun and supervised licensed child care environment is available at several locations.

- \$30/week; \$24/week (weeks 1 & 6) - Burlington, Hamilton, Stoney Creek, Brantford
- Operates from 7:00 am to 9:00 am and 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
- **Space in the extended care program is limited. Please register early to avoid disappointment.**
- Some child care subsidy contracts require campers to enroll in the extended camp care program.

Extended Care Location	Camps Served	Weeks
Burlington		
Frotenac Public School - 5140 Pinedale Avenue	Camp Chippewa	1-8
St. Mark School - 2145 Upper Middle Road	Camp Chippewa	1-8
Tansley Woods Community Centre - 1996 Itabashi Way	Tansley Camp Chippewa	1-8
Hamilton Stoney Creek		
Chedoke Elementary School - 500 Bendamere Ave	Camp Chippewa	1-8
Stoney Creek YMCA Child Care Centre - 105 King Street East	Camp Chippewa	1-8
Queen Victoria School - 166 Forest Avenue	Queen Victoria Camp Chippewa	1-8
Brantford		
Laurier Brantford YMCA-100 Water Street	Camp Chippewa Laurier Brantford YMCA	1-8

Extended care locations and times are subject to change based on availability.

Note 1: If you wish to enroll in extended care and attend an urban camp (Sports, KidVenture programs), the urban camp location and extended care location must be the same.

Note 2: Queen Victoria School extended care will be open weeks 1-7 for Sports and KidVenture, weeks 1-8 for Specialty, and weeks 1-8 for Chippewa.



Bus Routes (for Camp Chippewa Campers Only)

Bussing Reminders

- On the first day of camp, your child will be given a wristband colour corresponding to their bus – please leave this bracelet on for the remainder of camp as it will be used to identify your child at camp.
- All busses have at least one staff person (bus monitor) who rides the bus from beginning to end. All children under the age of 16 must be signed out by an adult (over the age of 16).
- While we make every effort to adhere to the bus schedule, we place an emphasis on safety and ask parents to arrive 5-10 minutes before the scheduled time. Please include cell phone numbers for all authorized pick-ups in the event of a delay.
- The bus you choose to transport your child must be the same for drop off and pick up for the entire week.
- Busses will wait for 5 minutes for children to be signed out before moving on to the next stop. Adults who arrive after the bus has departed must then pick up their child at their local YMCA.
 - Hamilton Busses (Lower City) - Downtown YMCA
 - Hamilton Busses (Mountain) - Les Chater YMCA
 - Burlington Busses - Ron Edwards YMCA
 - Brantford Busses - Laurier Brantford YMCA



YMCA Day Camp Parent Survey

On our online registration form we have included a line for your e-mail. We will be e-mailing families at random to send you our Parent Satisfaction Survey in order to learn more about how we can meet the needs of our families.

Hamilton Busses (Lower City)

Departs At (AM)	LOCATION	Drops Off At (PM)
ORANGE OWLS (Downtown Hamilton)		
8:25	Queen Victoria Elementary School, 166 Forest Avenue North*	4:30
PURPLE PENGUINS		
8:05	Norman Pinky Lewis Recreation Centre, 192 Wentworth St. N	5:00
8:20	Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School, 1715 Main St E	4:45
8:40	Spring Valley Elementary School, 99 Dunham Dr.	4:20
RED RHINOS (Hamilton East and West)		
8:15	Dalewood Middle School, 1150 Main St. West	4:45
8:30	Sir William Osler Elementary School, 330 Governors Road	4:25
BROWN BEARS		
8:25	Corpus Christi Elementary School, 25 Alderson Drive	4:45
8:30	Chedoke Elementary School, 500 Bendamere Ave	4:35

Hamilton Busses (Mountain)

Departs At (AM)	LOCATION	Drops Off At (PM)
GREEN GORILLAS (Hamilton Mountain)		
8:05	École élémentaire Pavillon de la jeunesse, 105 High St.	4:50
8:25	Stoney Creek YMCA Child Care Centre, 105 King Street E, Stoney Creek*	4:35
GOLDEN GOOSE		
8:15	Les Chater YMCA, 356 Rymal Rd East	4:45

Burlington Busses

Departs At (AM)	LOCATION	Drops Off At (PM)
BLUE BUFFALOS		
8:10	Frontenac Public School, 5140 Pinedale Ave*	4:50
8:20	Ron Edwards YMCA 500 Drury Lane	4:35
TURQUOISE TURTLES		
8:25	Tansley Woods Community Centre, 1996 Itabashi Way*	4:40
MAROON MOOSE		
8:05	St. Timothy's Catholic Elementary School, 2141 Deer Run Ave	5:00
8:20	St. Marks Catholic Elementary School 2145 Upper Middle Road*	4:45
8:45	Allan A Greenleaf, 211 Parkside Drive	4:25

Brantford Busses

Departs At (AM)	LOCATION	Drops Off At (PM)
PINK PANDAS		
8:05	Assumption College, 257 Shellard Lane (Front doors of staff parking lot)	4:50
8:20	Laurier Brantford YMCA, 100 Water St. (doors located on Water St.)*	4:40
8:30	Central Public School- 135 George Street, Brantford	4:30
SILVER SHARKS		
8:20	Our Lady of Providence 55 Kent Street, Brantford	4:45
8:35	Three Bears Preschool, 160 Brantwood Park Rd, Brantford	4:30

*Those stops highlighted in blue indicate an extended care site. Locations subject to change.



Start and end every school day with the YMCA School Age Child Care (SACC)

The YMCA of Hamilton|Burlington|Brantford's School Age Child Care Program; is a unique partnership between various elementary schools, the YMCA and the families participating in the program. At the YMCA, we pride ourselves on our ability to provide the best in value based programming.

The YMCA School Age Child Care Program is committed to the core values of belonging, responsibility, caring, honesty and respect, and we further each child's personal development through;

- Strengthening values and fostering personal growth

- Building a sense of responsibility within the community
- Encouraging and teaching respect for the environment
- Developing an understanding of global issues

The YMCA School Age Child Care Program operates before and after school on regular school days between September and June. Select locations will also run programs on PA Days, Winter and March Break.

To see if SACC is offered in your neighbourhood please visit ymcahbb.ca.



Preparing for Camp

Hours of Operation

Day Camps operate from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (if your child is taking a bus to Camp Chippewa – please refer to the bussing hours on page 14 and 15 of this field guide for drop off and pick up times). If you require a longer camp day, extended care programs are offered. Please see page 13 for more information and extended care locations.

Please note that all day camp and extended care locations will be closed on Statutory Holidays: Monday, July 3rd, 2023 & Monday, August 7th, 2023

Sign In and Out of Campers

Campers must be signed in/out by an adult 16 years of age or older. The staff will ask for photo identification. Campers will be released only to those authorized to pick up as indicated on the registration form.

If a child is picked up past the time of the camp closure (or bus drop off), a late fee of \$20 per half hour or part thereof per child will be charged to the parent's account.

Personal Belongings

Please label all of your child's belongings with their first and last name and leave all valuables at home.

The YMCA is not responsible for any items your child loses at camp. Please label all clothing and belongings that come to camp. Campers are asked not to bring valuables. The YMCA will not provide refunds for damaged or lost belongings. All clothing and belongings will be held at the on-site lost and found up to two weeks after the camp session. Any unclaimed belongings will be donated to a local charity after the 2 weeks has passed.

No electronic devices (personal gaming systems, cell phones, etc.) are permitted at camp.

Hot Weather Policy

YMCA staff will modify camp activities to accommodate for hot weather in order to ensure the health and safety of all participants. This will include frequent water breaks, water activities, less active games and the use of shaded and cooler areas of the camps. These precautions will allow all campers to enjoy a fun and safe camp experience, even on the hottest of days.

What Your Child Needs To Bring

To be prepared for all activities, campers will need:

- **Running shoes***
- **Sunscreen****
- **Water bottle****
- Swimsuit and towel
- Nutritious nut-safe lunch and snacks***
- Light jacket
- Hat
- Weather appropriate extra clothing
- Bug Spray (optional)

**To ensure your camper can participate fully in camp programming, please ensure they are wearing running shoes or sports-style sandals.*

*** Please ensure each camper has their own sunscreen and water bottle.*

**** Campers are active and busy all day. Please ensure they bring a healthy lunch, snack and drinks (water bottle is best) to nourish them throughout the day.*

Medication at Camp/Extended Care

Day Camp staff can administer drugs/medication to a child when the parent/guardian has completed the Administration of Medication Form. All medication must be in the original container labeled with the child's name and prescription number (when applicable). Medication will be collected on the first day and returned on the last day of the camp week. Please send only enough medication for the week. If your child requires an inhaler, please indicate whether your child's counsellor or your child will carry and administer the inhaler.

Allergies and epi-pens

If you identify your child as requiring an epi-pen for life-threatening allergies, the epi-pen will need to accompany your child to camp each day. For their safety, they will not be admitted to camp without their epi-pen. The Anaphylaxis Plan and Administration of Medication Forms must be returned with the registration to complete enrollment. The anaphylaxis and medication administration form can be found on our website at ymcahbdaycamps.ca.

Behaviour Guidance Procedures

It's our goal to provide a healthy, safe and secure environment. The YMCA teaches core values through activities based on belonging, caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. Children who attend programs are expected to follow the behaviour guidelines and interact appropriately within the group. Admission into and discharge from day camp will be at the discretion of the YMCA.

Behaviour Guidelines

The following guidelines are put in place to ensure all campers enjoy their camp experience. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in suspension or removal from Day Camps.

- People are responsible for their actions
- We respect each other and the environment
- Honesty will be the basis for all relationships and interactions
- We will care for ourselves and those around us

How to Register / Payment Methods / Financial Assistance

Online Registration

ymcahbb.campbrainregistration.com

Fast and easy online registration.

Families in receipt of subsidy have the opportunity to register online. Registration instructions for families in receipt of subsidy can be found at ymcahbbdaycamps.ca

Payment Schedule

Payments can be made:

- In full at time of registration (Credit card or EFT)
- In full post-dated to either May 15th or June 15th (Credit card or EFT payments)
- Post-dated and split between May 15th and June 15th (Credit card or EFT payments)

Please note, if you are in receipt of subsidy and registering online, you will need to post-date your payment to June 15th to allow administration to change your payment to reflect your contract.

Once the Post-Dated Deadline has passed payment is due at time of registration.

Pay online via Visa, MasterCard, or EFT

Note: We do not accept VISA Debit or American Express.

Families can log in to their Campbrain accounts for access to receipts for tax purposes. If you need help accessing your account, please contact the day camp office.

We would be happy to answer any questions you may have about your child's Day Camp registration. Please contact us at **905-317-4929** or email hamburl.daycamps@ymcahbb.ca

Registration Reminders

- **Payment details must accompany completed registration.**
- **Full or post-dated payments must be made on-line by Visa, MasterCard, or EFT at time of registration.**
- Payments that are returned as NSF will be re-processed by the YMCA within 10 business days. A \$10 service charge will be applied to all returned payments. We cannot guarantee your camper's spot if payments are declined or outstanding as of June 19th, 2023.
- Registrations will not be accepted after Monday at 4:00 pm for attendance in the following week.
- Families that indicate their child requires medication or an epi-pen at camp must ensure all forms are complete prior to the camp session. Campers will not be able to attend until forms are complete.
- Please ensure all fields are filled out accurately. Incomplete registration forms will not be processed and will be considered void.
- Completed registrations will receive an email confirmation regarding the status of your campers enrollment.
- Changes to camp preference or dates must be made 5 business days before the registered camp week by submitting a completed Change of Status form which is available at ymcahbb.ca. After 1 change, a fee of \$25 per child for additional changes.
- Any refunds requested after May 14th, 2023 will be subject to a \$35 administration fee per family. No refunds will be given if less than 5 business days notice in writing is provided.
- All refund requests must be made emailed to hamburl.daycamps@ymcahbb.ca
- Refunds are not issued for inclement weather or pool/ beach front closures.
- If your child needs additional support during their camp day or an outside support person please call 905-317-4907 for more information and to discuss the process of bringing in your own personal support person.

Financial Assistance

Child Care Subsidy

Child Care Subsidy is available to families that qualify through the City of Hamilton, Brantford or Regional Municipality of Halton. Some child care subsidies require children to attend Extended Camp Care in addition to camp (this will be identified on the subsidy contract). Participants receiving regional subsidy in Hamilton may register for a maximum of 2 weeks in specialty camp programs (listed on page 7). Participants receiving regional subsidy in Brantford cannot register for specialty camp programs. Limits for specialty programs do not apply to Halton subsidies. There is no registration limit for Camp Chippewa or Indoor Camps. Please direct inquiries to:

- **City of Hamilton** - 905-546-4870
- **City of Brantford Child Care Services** - 519-756-3150
- **Regional Municipality of Halton** - 905-825-6000

YMCA Financial Assistance

Through the generosity of donors from across our community, the YMCA can assist with the payment of one week of YMCA Day Camp fees. If your financial circumstances are limiting your ability to register for Day Camp programs, please contact the YMCA to arrange a Day Camp Assistance appointment. All inquiries will be confidential. To book a financial assistance appointment, please call:

- For families residing in **Flamborough, Burlington and Hamilton** looking for Financial Assistance: 905-317-4929
- For families residing in **Brantford and Brant County** looking for camp at YMCA Camp Chippewa and Specialty Camps: 519-512-4891 ext 3101
- For families looking for camps at the **Laurier Brantford YMCA**: 519-512-4891

How to prepare for your appointment:

- Complete your camper's online registration
- Post- date your payment to June 15, 2023.
- Bring supporting documentation (2022 Tax information, pay statements, government assistance statement, etc)



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canoeing and the campfire,
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Charitable Mission

The YMCA of Hamilton|Burlington|Brantford is a charitable organization helping people achieve personal growth in spirit, mind and body.

Vision

Creating a vibrant and healthy community where everyone belongs and has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Core Values

**BELONGING, CARING, HONESTY,
RESPECT and RESPONSIBILITY.**

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Laurier Brantford YMCA • 519-512-4891
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